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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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MARCH 29 - 30, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Sacred Heart Ladies Club Spaghetti Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Social Hall, 6:15 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Annual Chrism Mass

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Katharine Drexel, 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Living Stations of the Cross

St. Katharine Drexel, 5:30 PM

Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Katharine Drexel, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Vigil Mass

St. Katharine Drexel, 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Egg Hunt after all Sunday Masses at SKD

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

So I am back from Brazil. So what happened there?

Each mission trip that FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) does is a bit different. This one was less focused on a construction type project and more focused on street evangelization. So alongside 18 college students and 12 or so Brazilian missionaries we spent a good amount of time visiting people on the streets and in their homes.

Honestly, when I arrived in Brazil on Sunday I said in my heart: okay, this is the last time I volunteer for a mission trip. God, this is enough. I have a sufficient amount of stuff going on. But now having finished, it seems quite clear to me that I should do another. Once a missionary, always a missionary, is something that seems written in stone in my life.

One can ask how missionaries who do not speak the local language can be witnesses of the Gospel, as none of us spoke much Portuguese at all. But it

seems quite clear that just as the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to speak in many languages, one of those languages is certainly love. We journeyed through the streets of Magé (a city north of Rio de Janeiro) and met all kinds of people along the way. We prayed with them, or just listened. We visited a local school and spent time chatting with the teens or playing soccer with them. At one of our last evenings, all the youth of the Parish came together for a "party" with music, dancing, soccer, and an excellent game of Brazilian dodgeball called Queimada (Burnt).

In some ways a mission is like a World Youth Day. You gather Catholics together from different places and cultures and you pray together and do the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. So much fruit comes from these gatherings, and the Holy Spirit has been quite busy at work.

Our local missionaries from Brazil were excellent. They were all in college or recent college graduates. Many of them had a profound conversion to the faith in the last few years, either as reverts or converts.

My work was largely that of accompaniment. I celebrated Mass, offered Confession, and led our holy hour each day. Then I just journeyed along in the mission work, speaking and praying with people. We knocked on random homes in certain neighborhoods. We broke bread and prayed with many. It was rich.

Now the truth of it is, each mission involves sacrifice. The housing was rustic and the heat and humidity could be taxing. I thought Rome was warm and it was. So was this! Except there was no air conditioning or beds.

But the work was rich and the Lord was very much at work. No complaints and much hope.

May God bless you this week!

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Parish Campus Renovation Project Pledge Progress
Thank You for Your Support!

We are excited to share that thanks to your generosity, we have reached our pledge goal of \$200,000 for Phase I of the Campus Renovation Project! As of today, we have received \$164,669 in pledges, and we are deeply grateful for your continued monthly commitment. Your support is helping to transform our Parish Campus, and together, we are creating a space that will serve our community for years to come. Thank you for your dedication and partnership in this endeavor. *"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."*

THE CLEAR PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

*The Clear Path of Discipleship lays out our parish plan for how each of us can move through the stages of spiritual development to becoming a fruitful and missionary disciple and fulfill our parish purpose - To know Christ and to make Him known. **Connect — Encounter — Grow — Thrive***

CONNECT

Easter Egg Hunt: April 20

There will be an *Easter Egg Hunt* on Easter Sunday, April 20, following each



of the three Masses. All the children of the parish are invited to join in the fun!

ENCOUNTER

Want To Know More About Becoming a Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic teachings and what the Catholic Church is all about? Do you

know a Catholic who has “fallen away” and is considering returning? Could that someone be you? We offer a year-round program called *Discovering Catholicism* that presents the richness



of the Catholic faith. More info? Call Ellen Waverly at 209-223-2970 or email familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

Foundations of Faith: Fall Session begins in August



Searching for answers? Returning Catholic? Want to grow your faith?

Foundations of Faith is an eight-week experience where anyone and every-

one, the baptized and the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Each evening starts with a delicious home-cooked meal and fellowship followed by a dynamic presentation

with time for discussion. For questions contact Kirsten Lawrence at 916-213-4666 or email discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

GROW

Following Christ & Sharing Christ: Fall Session begins in August

Have you attended *Foundations of Faith* and want to take the next step of growth as a Christian disciple, learning the habits of a follower of Jesus?

Following Christ and *Sharing Christ* (the second and third parts to the series) will also be available while *Foundations of Faith* is running.

For questions contact Kirsten Lawrence at 916-213-4666 or email discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

Interested in a Small Group?

A *Small Group* is a gathering of 4 to 10 people who meet at least monthly to grow as Christian disciples, live life together, and learn more about their

Catholic Christian faith. Christianity is not meant to be lived alone and small groups are excellent places to grow once we have made a decision to follow

Christ and want to make Him the center of our lives. Feel free to reach out to Stan and Linda Renzelman at 209-781-5809 to find a Small Group for you.

THRIVE

Interested in a Discipleship Quad?

A *Discipleship Quad* is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learn-

ing. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information you may

contact Ellen at 209-223-2970 or familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

EVENTS



Stations of the Cross Schedule: Every Friday During Lent

Our Lady of the Pines, Pioneer	4:30 PM
Sacred Heart, Ione	5:00 PM
St. Katharine Drexel, Martell	6:00 PM English, followed by soup supper at 6:30 7:00 PM Spanish

Sacramento March for Life, Monday, March 31 at the State Capitol

The *March for Life* rally begins on the East Lawn of the State Capitol at 12:00 PM and the Walk at 1:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 PM, if you prefer to start there and join the March afterwards. For more information visit ca.marchforlife.org.

HEALING PRAYER TEAMS ON APRIL 4 - 5

If you desire healing in body and spirit, Healing Prayer opportunities will be offered after the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday and 10 AM Mass on Sunday.

Wild West Fun and Square Dancing: April 26

Howdy, y'all! Join us for a night of Wild West fun and square dancing on Saturday, April 26 at 6 PM. This is open to everyone over 18 and is \$10 per person. It includes dinner and square dancing lessons. Free childcare is available. So dust off your boots and saddle up for a night of western fun. Dress code: cowboy/cowgirl attire! Tickets will be on sale soon. Contact Kirsten Lawrence with questions at 916-213-4666 or discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is designed to help an individual experience the mercy and compassion of God and be supported with spiritual and emotional care. The next retreat will be held in English, June 6-8 2025, at the Mercy Center in Auburn. For more information email projectrachel@scd.org.

Supplies Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

SKD's annual Easter Egg event is in need of donations of



plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy (that can fit in those eggs).

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful — Luke 6:36

Outreach

The Corporal Works of Mercy give us a model for how we should treat others with their bodily needs, as if we were Christ in disguise. Our parish has several outreach ministries that demonstrate Corporal Works of Mercy. All groups welcome new volunteers. See

the list of Ministries and Groups on page 6 for more information or to help.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentians see the face of Christ in all whom they serve, offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering. The organization invites all parishioners who may feel the call to help others.

Break Bread With Friends. BBWF is an ecumenical ministry that serves breakfast to anyone needing a morning meal. Bag lunches and fellowship are also freely given.

St. Pat's Pantry. This is another ecumenical ministry, providing dinner and fellowship every Thursday.

Meal Assistance for New Parents

Are you interested in providing a meal for a family in our parish who has just welcomed a new baby? We are looking for parishioners willing to help by pre-

paring and delivering a dinner to support the family during this joyful but busy time. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please con-

tact the Parish Office at 209-223-2970 or office@amadorcatholic.com. Thank you for sharing your time and love with our community!

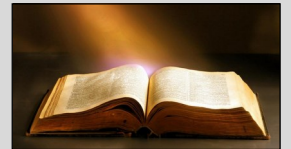
PRAYER

Mass Schedule and Intentions for this Week

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday	Mar 29	5:00 PM	SKD	Matt Heidecker †
Sunday	Mar 30	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	<i>Pro populo</i>
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Martha & Rafael Melendez ††
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	Nataly Mora & Juan Lara(Special Intention)
Monday	Mar 31	7:00 AM	SKD	Fr. Colin (Private Intention)
Tuesday	Apr 1	6:00 PM	SKD	Family of Gabriel Acevedo (Special Intention)
Wednesday	Apr 2	7:00 AM	SKD	Fr. Relihan†
		11:30 AM	OLOP <i>Pioneer</i>	Dino & Margaret Gonzalez ††
Thursday	Apr 3	12:00 PM	SKD	John Gulley † & Rosemary Zwiag †
Friday	Apr 4	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart <i>lone</i>	Carlos Castaneda (Healing)
Saturday	Apr 5	5:00 PM	SKD	Bill Sneeringer †
Sunday	Apr 6	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	<i>Pro populo</i>
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	Don Harris (Healing)
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	Manuel & Josefina Ferrera (Special Intention)

Sunday Scripture Readings

March 30: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 • 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
April 6: Ezekiel 37:12-14 • Romans 8:8-11 • John 11:1-45



Please Pray For

Jack Hubbard, Aran Hunt, Nancy Joyner, Kim Kozowski,
Carole Mann, Barbara Miller, John Murphy, Marion Peckin-
 paugh, Meredith Saladis, Jackie Stornetta, Kim Tucker,
 Richard Vinson, Middy Walsh

GIFT OF LIFE

Allison Shoda
 Kate Freeman

Names will only stay on the prayer list up to three months

Pray for these men and women serving our country. We thank them for their service:

Brett Cleary, Thomas Condon, Samantha Corner, Zach Davenport, Glen Getz, James Kapp, Joel McCarty, Christian Mullan, William Mullan, Stephen Oneto, John Pent, Eric Perez, James William Porter, Rey Del Rosario, Sam Ruttschow, Abby Schmidt, Matt Schmidt, Miguel Serrato, CDR Samuel Trassare, Tyler Vinson, Brett Wade, Keith Young Tyler J. Young



Repose of the Soul

Theresa Avila, Rose Vallerga, Daniel Sinclair

Interment of Pam Edwards on Friday, April 11 at 10:00 AM at the Sutter Creek Catholic cemetery. Anyone is welcome to come.

HEALING

CONFESSION

Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 AM
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM

ADORATION

Monday - Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 AM
Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Thursday 5:30 AM - 5:30 PM

UNBOUND

If you are interested in deeper healing of wounds and lies, consider learning more about Unbound Ministry by picking up the Unbound book in the parish gift store or speaking with Deacon Ray.

HEALING PRAYER

If you desire healing in body and spirit, the parish offers healing prayer opportunities with our prayer teams on the first weekend of the month following the 5 PM Vigil and 10 AM Sunday Mass.

PARISH INFORMATION

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20 Relihan Drive, Lone

St. Patrick
115 Court Street, Jackson

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Eucharist for the Homebound Liz Powers
Call to volunteer or to arrange 209-256-3868

Hispanic Prayer Group Beatriz Mora
Every Friday, 7- 9 PM, SKD 209-242-5320

Respect Life Committee Deacon Ray Moreno
Call for meeting info 209-223-2970

Break Bread with Friends Dolores Larrigan
Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM, St. Patrick Hall 209-610-9415

St. Pat's Pantry Terry Smithson
Thursdays 4-6 PM, St. Patrick Hall 916-300-9064

St. Vincent de Paul Society Help Line
svdp@amadorcatholic.com 209-223-5865

Sacred Heart Ladies Club Maureen Curran
Call for meeting info 209-304-1922

YLGI #258 Our Lady of Hope Barbara Magpusao-Outland
1st Monday, 6 PM (business mtg) 209-296-4672

Knights of Columbus #1849 Matthew Waverly
2nd Tue, 6:30 PM, SKD (business mtg) 209-223-2970

Committee of Gente Puente Soledad Pineda
3rd Sunday, 1 PM, SKD 209-781-5094

Our Lady of the Pines Society Barbara Garcia
Dates vary, 12:30 PM, OLOP 209-296-6750

St. Patrick Society Jeannine Crew
4th Tuesday, 9 AM, St. Patrick Church 209-223-3623

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SKD Homeschool Community Sarah Felix
For more information call 209-304-2204

SKD Homeschool Co-Op Kirsten Lawrence
Ages 2-14, Thursdays 916-213-4666

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Members: Shirley Coombs, Mercy Figueroa,
Raquel Klaproth, Mark Koenig, Brian Lawrence,
Beatriz Mora, Shawn Simpson, Shannon Taylor

Finance Council Chair: Doug Ferreira
Members: Patrick Crew, Francine Pogue,
Linda Renzelman, Vincent Signorotti

A GLANCE AT OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

46 people attended our Marriage Retreats in Spanish and English

TIME

22 parishioners help keep our churches clean each month

TALENT

OFFERTORY


Budgeted Offertory for March 2025	\$47,500
Offertory Received as of March 27	\$43,619

TREASURE

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PARISH NEWS




Congratulations to Martin Urjevich and Etta Scully, both members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish, as they celebrate their 100th birthdays. May God continue to richly bless you in His loving kindness.

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